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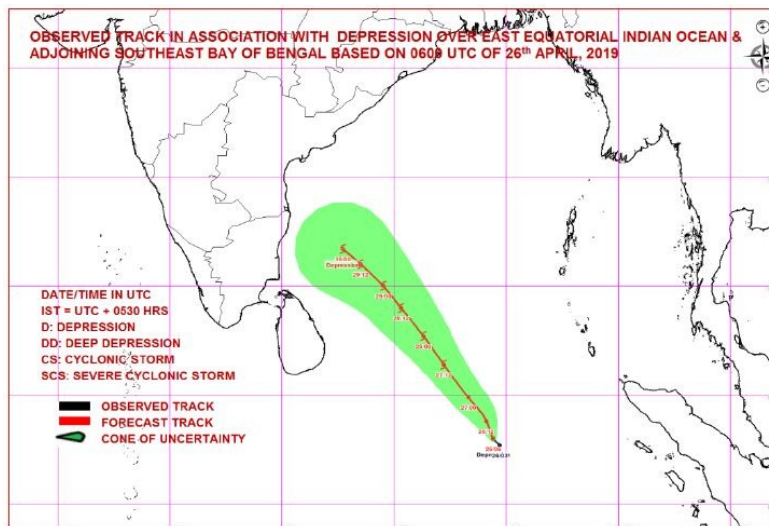
# Cyclone Fani : Boon or Bane?

**Sanjitha S**

Indian Meteorological Department (IMD) confirmed the formation of a low pressure area over the Bay of Bengal on April 25. The latest satellite images have indicated that the depression is formed over East equatorial Indian Ocean and adjoining South East Bay of Bengal. According to the forecast track issued by the IMD the depression is very likely to form into a cyclonic storm on April 27 around 5.30 p.m. It is then expected to turn into do a severe cyclonic storm with an approximated wind speed of 100 to 115 kmph on April 29. This depression has been named as cyclone 'Fani' by Bangladesh. Heavy rainfall

is anticipated mainly over the northern parts of Tamil Nadu though it cannot be predicted exactly. Red Alert is

may receive heavy showers too. A yellow alert has been issued in the districts of Ernakulam, Idukki, Thrissur and Malappuram for April 29.



issued in many parts of Tamil Nadu and Puducherry for April 30 and May 1. A red alert has also been issued in Kerala and Karnataka for these states

OR will it change its direction and leave the state?" is the constant question in T.N people's minds.

The National Disaster Management Authority (NDMA) had tweeted: "#Cyclone Fani: What you should do before a cyclone" and has shared a very useful video on the same.

"Will the cyclone bring relief from the scorching heat of the water-starved Tamil Nadu OR will it prove to be very destructive



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# Plastic Ban

**Vaishnav Rao**

On January 1, 2019, the Government of Tamil Nadu imposed the plastic ban throughout the state. The ban included 14 types of plastics including plastic bags. So, what are its implications?



The ban has been criticised by many people as it does not ban the type of plastic used by large MNC's, it has also been criticised for having an adverse affect on small industries that relies on it.

The ban is also criticised for poor maintenance as many people are turning towards plastic once again.

## What are the solutions?

Public is of the opinion that the best solution would be to spread awareness through advertisements and to provide subsidies and incentives for greener alternatives. Another solution is to encourage innovation on new alternatives and Government intervention to help small industries.

The Government of Tamil Nadu could also reuse plastic bags for laying plastic roads and other items that use plastic waste as its main component.

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# Empowered mothers

**Charan Aadhith B K**

On the New Year of 2019, the Tamil Nadu Government put a ban on single-use plastics. This opened new doors for the use of cloth, but also ended the careers of the plastic manufacturers.



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Business people were not responsive to the ban. However, four mothers, Kalai, Arunthathi, Anitha and Nanditha knew that people were having a hard time getting cloth bags. They started a business to manufacture cloth bag.



The company, originally the brainchild of Kalai was started as a group to spread awareness. But as time progressed, the company executed orders through its Facebook Page. But at the initial stages it was word of mouth that helped the company survive. Four months after the ban, the company has started selling the bags online through Amazon, spreading their wings across the country.

For buying products from Kana Bags, visit <https://www.facebook.com/kanaclothbags>

# OPINION

**Charan Aadhith B K**

SmartBike, the first step to a Smart City

I have a question for you readers, What makes a city smart? It would be human intelligence. This would be the answer if it was asked in an English class. (Because the question is a form of personification). But out in the real world, what makes a city truly smart is the application of the Internet of Things (IoT).

In other words, using internet to physically control objects used in everyday life remotely and the internet automates the process. For example, the contactless enforcement system in Anna Nagar East that is soon to be implemented and another example none other than the topic of this column, SmartBike.

SmartBike was accepted under the Make In India scheme. It is a joint venture firm created by German Public Bike Sharing system (PBS) giant NextBike and the Indian Government

New Delhi was the first city in India to use this PBS system. As of the year 2019, SmartBike has bike sharing stations in the cities of New Delhi, Hyderabad, Chennai and Amaravati.

In my opinion, I think this is a great initiative as it could boost India's urban and technological development. This in turn would encourage more firms with IoT systems to come and expand in India. This will not only increase revenue for the Indian government but also increase the demand for the Indian rupee (INR). The INR will then get an increase in its value and India can then finally justify the booming economic growth that it is undergoing.

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# Chennai based student starts an NGO

**Zahabiya K**

Taha Fathima, a young student started CAP (Child Awareness Project), an NGO in May 2011 shortly after her 15th birthday. She saw a Facebook campaign to find a 5 year old girl named Thamana, who was kidnapped from a beach in Chennai. Initially the police and media paid little attention to her case, but the power of social media pushed this story from the columns of

tabloids to major daily headlines. Later Thamana was found due to the high attention the campaign received.

Taha thought about so many other kids like her who were lost but not found. She later retained the campaign, advocating for children's rights on social media in 2016, renamed and registered the initiative as Child Awareness Project (CAP). According to Bushra, the co-founder of CAP, "Our programme has successfully launched many offline activities, as well as some major initiatives to empower and engage young people to stand up for Children's Rights."

CAP is a youth led non-profit organisation that believes in the power of engagement by the youth and spirit of activism to harness positive change. CAP focuses on awareness through social media platforms on topics

relating to child labour, child trafficking, right to education, sexual abuse, online safety and bullying. The goal ultimately, is to make sure that every child receives the right kind of education and can pave their own path



to success. The biggest achievement of CAP so far would be launching their Campus Ambassador Project, where the core team trains ambassadors who conduct workshops within their respective cities in various high schools.

## Reach CAP

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# A park with good facilities

R. Sanjeev krishna

If you are in West Mambalam, you must visit Amma Park. It is situated in a huge area of 16 grounds, of which 8 grounds are for playground. The residents of Saidapet, West Mambalam are using this park for walking and doing yoga. There is a play area for kids. The public are happily planting saplings in the park on their birthdays.



The park was opened on January 25, 2016, by the then Chief Minister J. Jayalalitha through video conference. The fund for constructing the park was allocated by the former mayor Saidai Duraiswamy .

There are gym, cycling path and skating area in the playground, which are useful for the young people. As the park is poorly lit, visitors move out early in the evenings. The park needs better lighting, which will go a long way towards solving the minor issues in the park. The lack of a board displaying the name and contact details of the contractor maintaining the park is a reason for complaints not reaching the officials. While other parks in the city has such information displayed including the funds allocated to the contractor for maintenance of the park.

Amma Park is located in the Kodambakkam Road.



Pets too love strolling in the evenings during summer.

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# How to make bird feeder at home

## V. Monish

To make a plastic bottle bird feeder, you will need: Making a plastic bottle bird feeder is a fast, easy project and a great way to recycle for the birds. These simple feeders are also perfectly functional and can help backyard birders feed more birds without purchasing expensive feeders.

- Plastic bottle – 2-liter bottles are most common, but any size will work, including water, sports drink or soda as well as plastic ketchup, jelly or other bottles or jars
- Perches – thin dowels, unsharpened pencils, chopsticks, twigs, wooden spoons, etc.; ideally 8-10 inches long and no more than a quarter-inch thick
- Metal screw hook for hanging
- Glue
- Awl or another tool for making small holes – knife, nail, etc.

Note: While this project is easy enough for children, proper supervision should always be present.

## Steps

1. Clean and dry the bottle thoroughly, removing any labels. Use a weak bleach solution to be sure the bottle is sanitized, then rinse thoroughly. Allow the bottle to air dry for several hours or overnight if possible to ensure no moisture remains inside that could potentially cause the seed to spoil.

2. Screw the hook in the center of the cap, making sure it is firm and tight. If necessary, use the awl or nail to start the hole to make screwing the hook in easier. After the hook is fully inserted, seal both sides (inside and out) with a drop of glue – this will provide extra security and keep moisture out of the feeder. Avoid getting glue on the cap's threads, however, as you will need to open the bottle for filling.

3. Cut holes large enough to fit the perches 1.5 inches from the bottom of the bottle. The perches should fit snugly into the holes and extend completely across the bottle and out the matching hole on the opposite side. When inserting the perches, balance the length of the perch on each end to allow birds to feed comfortably. A small bit of glue can also be used to secure perches and keep the holes from widening or loosening.

4. If desired, add additional perches higher on the bottle. Each perch should be 2-3 inches higher than the last and rotate where the perches are on the bottle to take advantage of the most space for feeding birds. The highest perch should be 3-4 inches below the cap.



5. Cut feeding ports 1-2 inches above each perch. Ports should be 1/8-1/4 of an inch wide depending on the seed type; use larger holes for mixed seed or sunflower seeds and smaller holes for Nyjer or millet. Oval-shaped holes taller than they are wide will be easier for birds to feed on.

6. Fill the feeder slowly with the desired seed. If the feeding ports are too big, placing a piece of clear tape snugly over them inside and out and recutting smaller holes in the tape can fix the problem. If desired, add crumpled paper, decorative marbles or gravel to fill the very bottom of the feeder so less seed is below the feeding ports and out of reach of birds.

7. Hang the feeder outside and wait for birds to discover it! Feeders can be hung from small branches or hooks, or string can be looped around the cap hook to hang the feeders in other areas.

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# Save a life!

**Harreni R**

“Bow...Bow..!” Somewhere near the sound was more audible. Where does this come from? Aww! I saw cute little puppies hiding in a close well-equipped shelter of one’s home with their mother dog. I found that they are being owned by a working woman who’s already a mother of a fifteen-year old girl, though she calls herself as the mother of her pets. I came to know that they were not bought for price, but for saving a life, Yes, she rescues pets and adopts them.

When I asked her the reason for adopting pets, she said, “When people buy less Indian breeds and other foreign breeds for prices, what happens to those who live as stray dogs? They are also God’s creation. I want to give meaning

to their lives and don’t want them to be self-ridden or cornered in the streets.”

She turned herself a vegetarian. She’s dedicating a small part of her life for her pets by taking care of them, by feeding, taking them to vet and walking her path along with them. She does not want to mention her name, as she does not want any publicity for this gesture.

This is not a story of just a woman, but also there are lot of pet and animal lovers, animal and wildlife activists who dedicate their part of their lives to the voiceless creatures.

Dogs are not only the ones who show unconditional love; they become a part of our own family and our safety guardian. When they are treated with



proper injections they are not harmful. Researchers have proven that they can change humans emotionally, psychologically and physically. They bring fulfilment in our lives and make loneliness disappear.

Everyone, who is part of this earth should not only buy dogs but also adopt them. When you adopt a pet you are not only giving life but also saving it. Don’t forget that adopting a pet costs less! Be economical and animal-friendly!

# Be a good Samaritan for your neighbourhood

**Zahabiya K**

Chennai on the whole is an amazing city to roam around. It is a developed, well-organised and commercial place to live in. However the city is not a very clean one. There is garbage all over the place, people dump wherever they like. One such place is the Rosary Church Street, in Santhome. This street has been a



common dump to many broken cars, empty alcohol bottles and a bunch of stray animals for the past couple of years. Many men urinate on the walls of the street and then leave like it is nobody’s business. It is not only this street in particular but so many other places in Chennai that have lost their shine because of the misuse of it by the common man.

The taxpayers expect the government to at least provide them with a clean neighbourhood. Did you know there is an app called SWACHHATA which enables citizens to post a civic related issue, which is then forwarded to the city corporation concerned and



thereafter assigned to the sanitary inspector of the particular ward? You can download the app, select your location, take a picture of the area, which you would like to report about and then click send. You too can become a social activist today. Take up these issues in your neighbourhood and bring about the change you were expecting someone else to do.

# Premium study lounge for students

**Thadey Ayesha**

Square Feet Cafe in Krishnamma Road, Nungambakkam, is a premium study lounge for students and young adults to work and eat in a peaceful and cozy environment. The main concept of Square Feet is to eat, work and play. It was started by a young couple T. Favvaz Ahmed and P. Sahla Maryam, who could understand the difficulties of a college student, where they have to run all over the city just to finish one assignment. Generally students find it hard to meet their group members in various locations and get their projects printed as well. Favvaz and Sahla wanted to make it easy for them to finish their project in one place rather than ten others.

Square Feet has accommodations for group discussions, individual study spaces, printer, food, WiFi, among other facilities. It even has a ping pong table for entertainment or matches. To enter, you need to pay ₹.100 for an hour of free unlimited amount of tea and coffee and you can study or work in peace.

It is open Monday to Friday from 10 a.m. - 10p.m. The weekends are mostly booked for events.



## Mental Illness: Depression & Anxiety

**Harreni R**

Are you a person who is feeling so low or depressed? Chill. “One in four people in the world get affected by mental or neurological disorders at some point in their life. Around 450 million people currently suffer from such conditions” as proven by World Health Organisation (WHO).

People should not hide or perceive about their thoughts or feelings. When people pour them out, they feel little escaped from stressing their mind or making them climb the ladder.

A girl, who is 15 and lives in Chennai, came to know lately that she is suffering from depression & Obsessive Compulsive Disorder (OCD) a type of anxiety. She encounters feeling of worthlessness, get sad suddenly with no reason, sudden change in mood, severe headache, sleepless nights, have stress on her carrier, other existential crisis and get pricked with unwanted thoughts.



*Google pic.*

When asked how she overcomes them, she said, “It happens to me every day. I don’t find myself that I could get rid of it. It just became a part of my life and plucking my entrails”.

In this situation, people should not lose their hope. They have to trust themselves not to do anything wrong and get support from people. There are treatments which can cure with some remedies like doing Aerobic Exercises & Meditation, Doctor or Therapist or Psychiatrist Consultation and taking prescribed Medicines.

Depression & Anxiety are treatable mental illness as it’s a Chronic Syndrome lasting an average 6 to 8 months. People should not confess with temporary feelings and emotions of sadness and low moods with that of depression and anxiety. Rather, they can occupy their mind with devotion, music, exercise and enjoying with family and pets.

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# SUBR - the super bags

**Nikita. S**

Sudha Sekhar started bag-designing as a hobby, which gradually continued to become her bread and butter. Today she is the founder of Subr, one of the well-known bag making startup.

Sudha owns a home-run studio at Mylapore. With a background in finance and a deep passion for designing, she stitches her way through the world of bags.

When Sudha started making bags there was barely any fabric bags in the market. Only Leather bags and rexine bags were popular. Only *manja pais* (yellow cloth bags) were popular. She wanted to use something different as she gave up on using leather some 8 years back. That's how she started her journey into making bags and wanted to make only for utility purpose.

**How is bag making important to you?**

It has become very important as everyone in my family carries fabric bags that I make. We don't buy anything outside. It is also my bread and butter.

**When you make bags, clutches, do you enjoy the time you spend ?**

Totally... I would not trade it for anything else in the world. Art and craft was always an essential part of my growing up. I always keep trying out things. My commitment to any craft was always short. Sewing is the one craft that am fully committed to. I can sit and sew all day and night. I am super committed and passionate about.

**When you were young, what did you want to be? Was it similar to what you do now?**

I was hopeless when I was a kid . I was a good 30 or 32 when I knew



what I wanted to do. I grew up in an era which had herd mentality. My parents were super chilled. My brother is an artist and I am from finance background. It took me 30 years to figure out what I am doing now.

**How much do you spend on materials and how much do your bags cost?**

I still treat it as a hobby which has gone overboard. My spending is more than what I get, which is not a cool business thing to do. Now the production has increased and so the numbers have gone up. I handpick my materials. I source my materials from Vietnam, Indonesia, US, Australia, UK, Bali. I cater to a very niche market and make up the cost.

Some still want to pick up a leather bag for its longevity. So more than the production number, I want to do quality bags.

**What is the speciality of your bags?**

Except for the kitchen sink, it can carry everything. That's my trade mark with big bags. They are super spacious and of bold colours. That is always the USP of my bags. I play with lots of colours. Ikkat and Kalmkari that are in rage right now are not good for bags. They are great for apparels. My bags are large, fun , colourful, the very construction of the bag per say is very simple.

**When you make bags, you look for functionality or style?**

Definitely functionality. I always carry my lipsticks and kajal sticks and dump them in my bag and try to fish them out . Then I designed a kit that can hold all of those in place. Wearing nose pin is big fashion now. So I've created a book sort of a thing in which you can keep each one neatly. So I first see what functionality it can serve and then design the bags.

**Are your bags seasonal or available all year round?**

They are limited edition bags. Am not a mass producer. Any one print I make maximum only 5 of the same kind. Generally, I don't make more than 3. Five is the maximum.

**Do you plan to open a shop?**

I retail through exhibitions periodically. Right now online is the way to go. It saves a lot of overheads. Brick and mortar is great for people to come. But so far online has worked. May be I will open a retail sometime. Right now no.

MOVIE REVIEW:

# We're in the Endgame now : The end is near

**M.V. Harshavardhan**

Avengers Endgame is the follow-up to Infinity War, it is probably the biggest movie of the year. It is the 22nd movie in the Marvel Cinematic Universe. In this film the Avengers who survived the decimation (the snap) done by Thanos will try to revert the actions of Thanos. This 3 hour long movie is sure to be a big hit among fans and also at the box office.

The hype for Endgame has been probably the highest for any recent movie as it has been hyped for more than a year after we were left in the cliffhanger climax of Infinity War. Especially the amount of special looks which were rolled out by Marvel made fans go berserk. Even though very little is known reviews after the world premier have given a lot of praise for Endgame.

Avengers: Endgame directed by the Russo brothers has a stellar cast including: Robert Downey jr. [Iron Man], Chris Evans [Captain America], Chris Hemsworth [Thor], Mark Ruffalo [Hulk], Brie Larson [Captain Marvel], Scarlett Johansson [Black Widow], Josh Brolin [Thanos], Jeremy Renner [Ronin], Tom Holland [Spider Man], Paul Rudd [Ant Man], Letitia Wright [Shuri], Chadwick Boseman [Black Panther], Chris Pratt [Star Lord], Vin Diesel [Groot], Ty Simpkins [Harley the young kid from Iron Man 3, leading fans to speculate that Iron Man might die]. Apart from them Endgame also has the last cameo from Stan Lee.



The term Endgame is actually a chess term which refers to a point in a chess game where very few pieces are left just like how only a few Avengers are left. Moreover, both the king and pawns become significant. The king becomes an aggressive piece just like how Iron Man, Hulk, Captain America and Thor are expected to be while the pawns may be used to replace them with a piece of higher value the way ant man's role is expected to be. In fact, the term 'Endgame' has been used by both Doctor Strange and Iron Man have used the term before.

The movie is sure to change the MCU as it has been for the past 11 years and will surely be an epic conclusion to the past 11 years of the MCU. This will also be an exciting addition to the MCU which has films like Iron Man, Captain America, Thor, Ant Man, the other Avengers movies and the Oscar-nominated Black Panther movie.

Marvel fans have long been speculating that there would be a lot of time travel in the movie, due to leaked set photos and possible appearances of past characters. Fans also think that at least a few important characters like Iron Man and Black Widow may die and that Captain America may retire by the end of the film. adding belief to this idea is that it has been confirmed that there is going to be a huge funeral at the end of the film. last but not the at least it is expected that some character like Ant Man would kill Thanos.

The future of the MCU is expected to change a lot as at least a few heroes may die or retire. The only two confirmed movies after Endgame are Spider Man: Far From Home and Shang chi, the 1st Asian superhero movie. Though the future of the MCU is unclear what is sure is that Avengers Endgame is going to be a film which will be hit among all Marvel fans as well as at the box office and could possibly become one of the best movies in the MCU.

# Damaged Roads near Selaiyur

*Nivriti. J*

The roads near Mappedu and Selaiyur are thoroughly damaged. Potholes make the movement of vehicles slow and cause traffic congestion many times. The damage could have been caused by heavy vehicles, outdated technology or carelessness of the public.

People living in this area are facing the problem for the past three years. Temporary solution are done by the public, but it doesn't help in the long run.

Chennai city has not experienced heavy rainfall last year. When the season starts this year, the roads will pose serious problems for the commuters.

What can be the solution? "Cement roads can be laid," said Meena, a resident of the locality. "Government can arrange for proper maintenance of the roads", she added.



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# Learn a language earn a livelihood

**Sanjitha. S**

Many people know about French classes in the city. But have you heard about Japanese classes? Corporate mentor Associates which is located in 4<sup>th</sup> Cross Street, Besant Nagar, Chennai is the number one Japanese language training provider for the corporate and business houses.

Over 12 years of its existence, the institution has taken over 2000 students under its wings. All job seekers and educated unemployed are given training here. “There is a huge demand for employment in Japan and the pay is also very high.



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So there is a great opportunity for all these students” says Mr. S. Ananthakrishnan, who is the head of the firm. The institution works from around 7:30 am to 6pm, and all through the day students can be seen learning this foreign language which would build their future career.

“One of the main speciality of our

classes is that, we teach Japanese through Tamil language. So rural people who are not well versed in English are also open to these wonderful opportunities,” states Mr. Ananthakrishnan. “Apart from teaching Japanese, Ananthakrishnan Sir also helps us in developing interpersonal skills though they are not taken as separate classes,” says one of his senior students.

# Plight of the metro water station

**Sanjitha S**

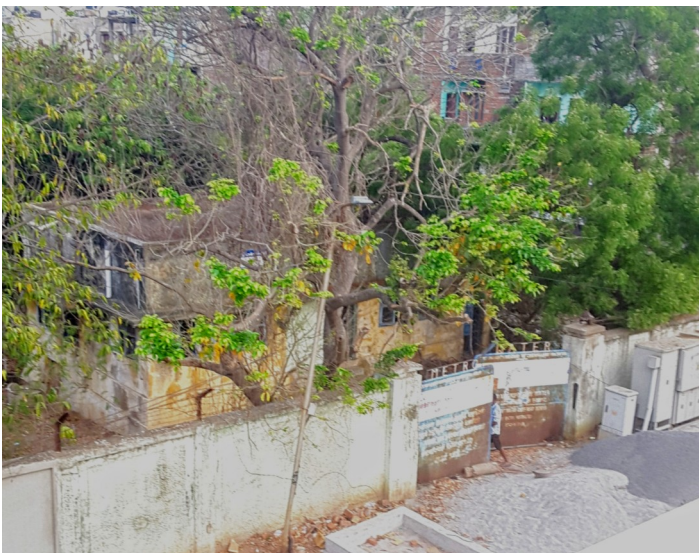
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Every morning the residents of 4th cross street, Besant Nagar hear the familiar sound of goats bleating. Nowadays, they don't even need to look up to see where the sounds are coming from as they themselves know the answer – THE METRO WATER PUMPING STATION. This wonderful abandoned area also serves as a party

house for alcoholics during the weekends.

“Earlier this pumping station was the base for supplying water to the neighbourhood. This vast land which stretches for so many acres housed around 9 wells which provided the needed water. In the left over area, a number of coconut trees were planted. But due to poor maintenance they soon withered away. Subsequently, about 15 years ago, all the wells too dried up and since then this place has been

abandoned and misused” says a long time resident. Though the locked gate of this unused station states “Entry Restricted”, people sneak into the vast area illegally. The general opinion of the residents here is that the government must take efforts to utilise this land for other genuine purposes. Such an action would not only put an end to the nefarious activities happening in the region, but might also bring more revenue to the government.



# The Chemistry of music

## Bhuma Varsha

Deepika Janakiraman, has been learning Carnatic music from the age of 10. She is also an IIT INSPIRE faculty. In this interview, she speaks about her passion.

### When did you start learning Carnatic vocals?

At the age of 3, I started singing but had breaks in between. When I was about 10 years old I got into music on a serious note.

### How did you get an interest in Carnatic music?

When I was young I started with Hindustani vocals but when people started asking me to sing Carnatic songs I did not have much choice, so I started learning Carnatic vocals.

### How do you balance work and music?

I usually plan and organise all my work and having a plan is important and I hope for the best.

### What music has taught you?

It has given me peace of mind and mainly, confidence. It has led me to imagine myself as a singer and I think that is an important goal to achieve in what you are learning.

### What are your other hobbies ?

I usually read books. But I read one book titled The Kite Runner, which gave the thought of different perspectives and it really helped me.

### What would your one advise be to young students who want to learn Carnatic music?

Practice and listening help a lot. Listening gives us knowledge and the skill we need. And the dedication plays a major role too.

### What instruments do you know to play ?

Not much. But I learnt to play violin and I have taken a few lessons in it.

### From whom did you learn Carnatic vocals?

Anadam Ammal taught me how to sing, Dr. Deepak Parmashivam taught me how to improvise in my singing, Vid.R.A.Ramamani and Vid.T.G. Badrinarayanan have also helped me build up.



### How many students have you trained ?

When I was in Bangalore I trained two students and when we moved to Chennai I am currently teaching one student .

### Why do you think Carnatic music is important ?

Our culture defines us and Carnatic music plays a huge role in it. It helps us to achieve pure devotion and devotion provides us the inspiration. It also helps us to recognize and value our tradition.



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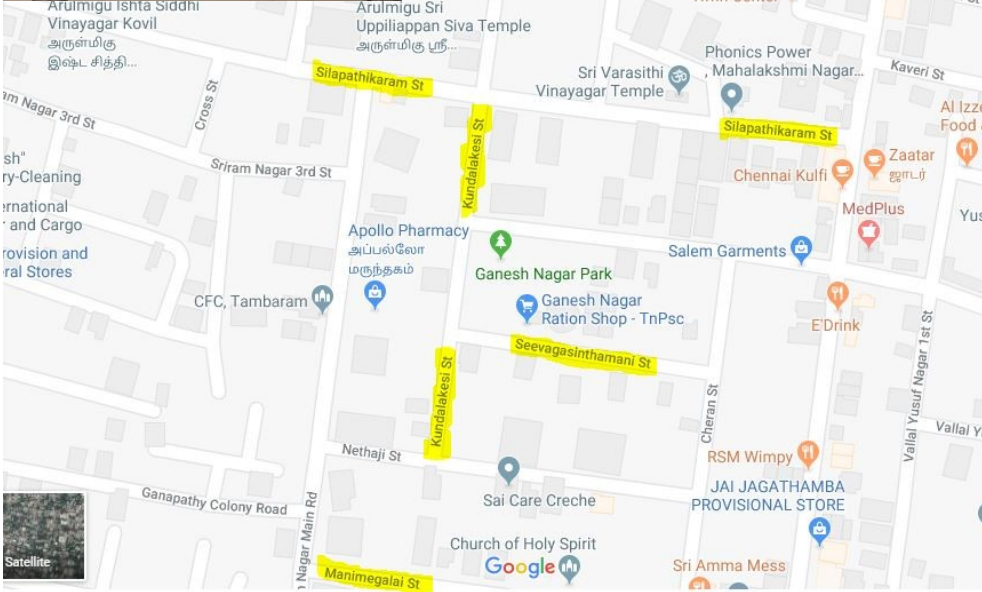
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# Tamil! Tamil!

A neighbourhood in Selaiyur has roads named after the Sangam Age Tamil epics and literature.

*Photos by Vaishnav Rao*



Street side art with plants, near Adyar signal.  
*Photos by V. Monish*

# The experience at the Journalism camp

## Sristi B

YOce's summer program is about news reporting and journalism. In this program, on the first day we learnt the structure of newspaper and its contents. In the following five days we learnt about various aspects of journalism.

The sessions of the camp were held from morning to noon. We had a ten minutes' break every day during the camp days.

On the second day we learnt about the 5 W's; what, when, who, why and where. Also about the 'H', that is 'how'.

We planned for production of a newspaper on the third day. We learnt how to write a report and each one decided on the story ideas and what to write in this newspaper. We also made the track sheet to follow the news

reports filed by each of us.

We had a guest talking to us on the fourth day of the camp. Gopika Kumaran, who wrote for YOce as a Student Reporter shared her experience on speaking to people not known to her and how she learnt the skills slowly.

On the fifth day we all became newsreaders in a recording studio for a few minutes. We prepared our news scripts and travelled to DIGI Sound Studio to record a news bulletin. This was a great experience.

We will also get to know about Photo



Journalism and another guest will be addressing us on the last day, we are told.

In the camp, we learnt about the differences between facts and opinions, ethics of journalism also. Overall, it was fun and loads of learning at the camp.

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# VIVO IPL 2019 final in Chennai: Merely a dream

**M.V. Harshavardhan**

The IPL frenzy struck like lighting among people globally and everyone is watching it each day supporting their favourite teams. Amidst all the craze the BCCI has announced that the IPL final will be shifted from Chennai to Hyderabad while the Eliminator 1 and Qualifier 2 would happen in Vizianagaram as the TNCA has not got permission to open the three closed stands [I, J and K] which have a combined capacity of 12, 000 thereby reducing the capacity of the stadium to just 38, 000. The stands though have been closed from 2014 and were last opened in 2013 for a test match between India and Australia. Despite all this fans in Chennai can be happy that the Qualifier 1 match will happen in Chennai.

The reason why the stands were closed is that they were constructed without authorisation and so the government has asked them to be closed. However, the questions that arise in the minds of all CSK fans are that can't they be renovated?, Are they safe though it is unauthorized? If they are safe can't they be used at least once for the IPL final even if not for all matches as an interim measure.

The shifting of the final from Chennai apart from affecting the fans also

affects the lives of many families whose livelihoods depend on these match days to sell merchandise and earn money. The lives of people like Gowri who sells t-shirts, Gangadharan who does face painting and Surya who sells flags and whistles [due to the team anthem Whistle Podu] depend heavily on the matches to earn about 3000 rupees if luck shines on them. Most of them take loans to buy the merchandise that sell. In fact during an important event like the IPL final where they would have earned around 5000 rupees.

Even though many hard hitting questions are there about the shifting of the final what all CSK fans wish that CSK lift the IPL trophy once again.

*Source for the names: The Hindu.*



## Know your CSK Team

**J. Joannes**

**Team players:** M.S. Dhoni, D.J. Bravo, Deepak Chahar, Harbhajan Singh, Imran Tahir, Ravindra Jadeja, Kedar Jadhav, Suresh Raina, Shane Watson, Ambati Rayudu, Faf du Plessis.

**Batsman Strike Rate:** M.S. Dhoni- 138. Bravo - 128. Jadeja - 131. Jadav - 127, Raina - 137, Watson - 140, Rayudu - 126, Du Plessis - 125

**Bowler Economy Rate:** Bravo - 9, Chahar - 6, Harbhajan - 6, Tahir - 6, Jadeja - 5

The Chennai Super King (CSK) have lifted the IPL Title three times in 2010, 2011 and 2018. Team CSK has the best win percentage among all the teams in IPL (61.56). The team holds the record of most appearances in the IPL Payoffs (nine) and in the finals (seven). The brand value of CSK in 2018 was estimated at \$65 million.

The home ground of the CSK team is the historic Chepauk



Stadium in Chennai. Stephen Fleming is the coach for CSK in the IPL 2019. This is the only team to win all their home games in a single season in 2011. Most

matches played by Dhoni as captain (181) in which he won 101 matches. Most wickets in a season was of Bravo, 32 wickets in 2013. He was the Purple cap winner also in that year and in 2015. The CSK is the defending champions. This team is the only team to win the title in back to back years (2010 and 2011).

CSK's bowling coach is Lakshmi pathy Balaji and batting coach is Michael Hussey and in 2013 Michael Hussey had hold the Orange cap.

The other records are: Highest stumping in Cricket history is by M.S. Dhoni. Most catches in a single season was by Jaddu - 13.